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3. [redacted] foreign medical service had virtually disappeared.

25X1X the foreign community patronized a White Russian doctor - formerly one of Marshall Jackson's associates - who was a longtime Shanghai resident and considered to be politically reliable. The Western-trained obstetrician, Amos Wong, handled a large percentage of foreign maternity cases. With the exception of the aforementioned White Russian, however, I knew of no foreign doctors in Shanghai [redacted]

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[redacted] Although gasoline was quite expensive, I do not recall that the supply for consular cars being rationed. Household electricity was not rationed nor, to my recollection, were there any interruptions in service or "dark" periods. Although the possession of radio transmitting equipment was forbidden (official suspicions about transmitters also including "all-band" receivers which the authorities may have suspected to be transmitters), ordinary radio receiving sets caused no comment. Although it was nominally prohibited to listen to foreign broadcasts, the members of the foreign community all did so. There was said to be a curfew in the city, but I went around at night a good deal and never saw it enforced. Although foreigners were fewer in number [redacted] their presence on the street attracted no particular attention and I encountered no hostility, even at the time of the Nationalist bombings of the city.

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5. This area of non-interference had its limitations, however. Travel outside Shanghai was forbidden without permits, which were virtually impossible to obtain. As a result, the pre-"liberation" pattern of weekends at Hangchow or Soochow or summer vacations in North China had disappeared altogether. In the business community, the Government regulations making import-export trade a virtual State monopoly, together with the near-stagnation of Shanghai as a foreign port-of-call for shipping had reduced foreign-managed trade to a trickle. [redacted] months in the city, the only sizeable vessels to call at Shanghai were Butterfield and Swire coasters, and these rarely. Foreign passengers were not allowed on the B&S ships unless, for medical reasons, they were unable to travel by any other means.

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6. In contrast to the trading section of the foreign business community, such service organizations as the Shanghai Power Company and the Telephone Company were continuing in operation. It was said, however, that the wage demands of these companies' employees were causing serious financial difficulties and, of course, it was impossible to take earnings - if any - out of the country. In this connection, unions were omnipresent and many were organized along other than craft lines. [redacted]

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7. The present appearance of downtown Shanghai is both smart and clean. The reduction in the number of foreign residents has reduced the number of automobiles seen on the streets. The number of rickshas has also been reduced and strictly-enforced traffic regulations keep the pedicabs to the side of the street, with the result that the former ant-heap appearance of city traffic has been transformed. Police regulations have also sharply reduced the number of street-hawkers in the downtown area. The black uniform favored by the Nationalist police has been abandoned and the Communist police are dressed in well-made khakis, as are the soldiers. Occasional sailors - in blue uniform with middie-blouse - also present a good appearance. An exception to this neatness is the soldiers' winter uniform which is shapeless quilted cotton.

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